

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON RULES,
PRIVILEGES, AND ELECTIONS

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HELD AT: Remote Hearing, Virtual Room 1

B E F O R E: Karen Koslowitz
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Karen Koslowitz
Adrienne Adams
Margaret S. Chin
Corey Johnson
Steven Matteo
Keith Powers
Deborah L. Rose
Mark Treyger
Paul Vallone

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Recording to the
3 computer. PC recording all set.

4 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Cloud is rolling.

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Backup is rolling.

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning and
7 welcome to today's remote New York City Council
8 hearing for the Committee on Rules, Privileges and
9 Elections. At this time would all panelists please
10 turn on their videos for verification purposes. And
11 to minimize disruptions please place all electronic
12 devices to vibrate or silent mode. Thank you for
13 your cooperation. Chair Koslowitz, we are ready to
14 begin.

15 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Thank you. Good
16 morning and welcome to the Committee on Rules,
17 Privileges and Elections. My name is Karen Koslowitz
18 and I am chair of this committee. Before we begin
19 this hearing I would like to introduce the council
20 members of this committee who have joined us today.
21 Ah, Minority Leader Steven Matteo, Council Member
22 Adrienne Adams, Council Member Margaret Chin, Council
23 Member Keith Powers, Council Member Deborah Rose,
24 Council Member Mark Treyger, and, um, do I see Paul
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2 Vallone? Is Paul, oh, here his, OK. And Council
3 Member Paul Vallone.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I vote aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: And we'll be
6 joined later by the speaker of the City Council,
7 Corey Johnson. We'd also like to acknowledge Rules
8 Committee counsel Lance Ivy and the staff members of
9 the council's legislative unit, Chuck Davis, chief
10 compliance officer, and investigators Andre Johnson
11 Brown, Alicia Vassel, Desiree Robinson, and Ramses
12 Outon. Today the Rules Committee will consider
13 certain changes to the membership and chairmanship of
14 the standing committees of the council. Pursuant to
15 Rule 10.20 of the rules of the City Council, the
16 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections can
17 recommend an amendment to any rule of the council
18 with a vote of the majority of those council members.
19 Today we are hearing a preconsidered resolution to
20 amendment Rule 7.00A by changing the membership and
21 chairmanships of certain standing committees of the
22 council. This rule change requires a majority vote
23 of all members of the Rules Committee and a majority
24 vote of all council members. The changes proposed in
25 the preconsidered resolution are, ah, Eric Dinowitz

2 being taken off of Consumer Affairs, Feliz taken off
3 of the Finance. [inaudible] in Emergency Management
4 removing Levine, General Welfare removing Feliz and
5 Treyger, Mental Health, Disabilities, and Addiction
6 removing Cabrera. Parks and Recreation Cabrera is
7 going to be on that committee. Eric Dinowitz is
8 going to be the chair of Veterans. Women and Gender
9 Equity is going to be joined by Louis and Rosenthal.
10 Do any members have any questions or comments about
11 the proposed rule changes? Do we any, I don't.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Chair Koslowitz.

13 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: OK, OK. Now I'll
14 now call upon the clerk to take the vote on
15 preconsidered resolution 1630.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Good morning.
17 William Martin, committee clerk, role call vote
18 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections. Chair
19 Koslowitz.

20 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Chin.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Rose.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I vote aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Treyger.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Vallone.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Adams.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Powers.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Matteo.

10 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: Yes.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: By a vote of 8

12 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no
13 abstentions, preconsidered resolution has been
14 adopted by the committee.

15 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Counsel, do we
16 keep the vote open?

17 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Yes, we will keep the
18 vote open for the speaker.

19 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: OK.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Good morning,
21 Mr. Speaker.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Good morning.

23 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Good morning.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Role call vote
25 on preconsidered resolution?

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye on all.

3 Thank you to Chair Koslowitz.

4 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Thank you to the
5 speaker.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Thank you.
7 Final vote is 9 in the affirmative, 0 in the
8 negative, and no abstentions.

9 CHAIRPERSON KOSLOWITZ: Today's meeting
10 on the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections
11 is hereby adjourned.

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Date August 3, 2021